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Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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04. Action: Resolutions of the Lumberton Public School District and the Lamar County School District to abolish and dissolve the Lumberton School District and its central administrative office and to merge that former territory into the Lamar County School District under the authority provided in Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-103 and 37-7-113 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-7-104.5 created the Commission on the Administrative Consolidation of the Lumberton Public School District that was required to make recommendations on how to dissolve the Lumberton Public School District into the Lamar County School District and the Poplarville School District under the authority granted in Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-103.

Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-7-103 gives school districts the authority to voluntarily abolish, reorganize, change, or alter boundaries, provided both/all districts agree.

Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-7-105 establishes a process that must be followed under Miss. Code Ann. 37-7-103 i.e., (1) school board must pass resolutions and publish/advertise their intentions for three weeks, (2) opposition may file petition and force the issue to a vote.

Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-7-113 requires any alteration, reorganization, or abolition of school district(s) to be approved by the State Board of Education.

On March 24, 2017, the Commission on the Administrative Consolidation of the Lumberton Public School District approved the Lamar County proposal 7 to 0 and 3 abstained.

This item references Goals, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached